

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

A Verse by Verse Study

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CHAPTER SEVEN

Israel's Remnant Sealed

Revelation 7:1-8:

1. And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four comers of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.
2. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,
3. Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.
4. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.
5. Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand.
6. Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nepthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand.
7. Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand.
8. Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

God called and commissioned a group of believers to go into Jerusalem and tarry until the day of Pentecost, and they obeyed. They went into an upper room and with one accord waited until the day had fully come. Pentecost means "*fifty*," and the day of Pentecost was fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus. He appeared to men for forty days, and when He ascended He instructed the disciples to tarry until the day of Pentecost had fully come.

Ten days later, on the fiftieth day, Pentecost came.

The Holy Spirit came as promised. He (the Holy Spirit) came upon each of them, cloven tongues "**like as of fire**" sat upon each of them, and they were filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues.

The Bible speaks of the “**unknown tongue**” - but here there were no unknown tongues. These disciples spoke with “**other tongues**.” They spoke as the Spirit gave them utterance. That day there were people in Jerusalem from every known nation on earth, and they all heard the Gospel in their own language. The multitude was amazed.

They could not understand how Jews were speaking in so many languages. All the ministers on the day of Pentecost were Jews, and yet they spoke in every known language of that day. Pentecost was God’s miracle. Everyone heard the Gospel in his own language, and thereby could return to his own people and tell the good news that the Lamb of God had shed His Blood for the remission of sins, that He had been buried, was risen again, and had ascended back to the Father.

Some thought the disciples were full of new wine, but Peter declared unto them that they were witnessing the fulfillment of the prophecy of Joel 2:28-32; that the disciples were not drunk as some supposed. The second chapter of Joel was only partially fulfilled at this time. The signs, the fire, and other parts of the prophecy will be fulfilled when Jesus comes in the Revelation.

Peter preached unto them the Gospel of the good news - the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. He admonished them to repent and be baptized. His sermon lasted perhaps five minutes - certainly not more than ten. (Read his sermon . . . you can read it in five minutes.) Yet, three thousand souls were saved that day! Peter had more souls saved in five minutes than some precious preachers have in a life time.

Peter did not preach the message John the Baptist preached . . . “**Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.**” They had crucified the King, the Kingdom had been postponed (set aside) for a season. John the Baptist had preached, “**The kingdom of Heaven is at hand.**” Jesus preached, “**The kingdom of Heaven is at hand.**” The disciples preached, “**The kingdom of Heaven is at hand.**”

But Israel rejected the King, and therefore the kingdom was set aside until God’s appointed time. On the day of Pentecost and later, Peter preached, “**Repent! repent . . . repent!**” but he did not promise the kingdom at hand. He clearly told the Jews they had crucified the King of Glory.

The apostles preached during the transition period . . . the period when Law was fading out and Grace was moving in. Their ministry was followed with many signs and wonders. Jesus came not to destroy the Law, but to fulfill it (Matthew 5:17). Christ is the end of the Law for righteousness to them that believe (Romans 10:4). When Jesus died, was buried and rose again, that brought an end to the Dispensation of Law, but there had to be a transition period. Then one day, a young Jew named Saul of Tarsus, having persecuted the church in Jerusalem, was traveling to Damascus to persecute the Christians there. As he neared the city gate, God rolled back the clouds in the sky and Jesus looked down. The brightness of His face caused Saul to fall to the ground in conviction beyond the description of words. Read Acts, chapter 9.

This young Jew later said, “**I saw the Lord, as one born out of due time**” (I Corinthians 15:8). Paul saw Jesus on the Damascus road. God saved Saul of Tarsus and he became Paul the preacher, a minister to the Gentiles.

God called him, ordained him, and sent him to the Gentiles (Romans 11:13). Since the day of Pentecost, God has been calling out a Gentile Bride. Jew, Gentile . . . whosoever will can be saved today. The Church is made up of all born again believers. Acts 15:13-18 is a blueprint of the present dispensation. After this dispensation, God will set up the Kingdom and build again the temple in Jerusalem.

In Galatians 1:10 through 2:14 Paul affirms that the Gospel he preached was a revelation from God and was not after the traditions of men. Paul did not go up to Jerusalem and converse with the apostles to ask them what to preach - God revealed to him from Heaven the message he was to give to the world.

In Ephesians 3:1-12 Paul tells us that the mystery of the Church was revealed to him through divine revelation. Paul did not preach a coming kingdom; he preached the Cross. His message was, **“God forbid that I should glory save in the cross.”** He preached, **“By grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.”**

This is the age of the preaching of the grace of God. This is the Age of Grace. This is the Dispensation of the Holy Ghost - the Church Age. The Holy Spirit is calling out a people for His name - a people from all nationalities and all classes.

THERE ARE FOUR FORMS OF THE GOSPEL

mentioned in the New Testament. The word “Gospel” means *“good news.”* If we are to **“rightly divide the word of truth”** then we must understand and distinguish between the four forms of Gospel.

1. THE GOSPEL OF THE GRACE OF GOD

The message we preach today is the message of Grace - unmerited favor - salvation through faith in the finished work of Jesus. The Gospel of Grace is the good news that Jesus died, was buried, rose again and conquered the world, the flesh, the devil, death, hell and the grave.

In I Corinthians 15:1-4 Paul clearly outlines the message of Grace. He preached the grace of God to the Corinthians; they believed and were saved. Romans 1:1 announces the message of grace. In Romans 1:16 we are told that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes. The Kingdom was announced to the Jews only. **“Go not in the way of the Gentiles”** was the message to the twelve and to the seventy. Jesus said to a Gentile woman, **“I came not to give the children’s bread to dogs.”** She replied, **“I am willing to take the crumbs that fall from the master’s table.”**

When the Jews crucified Jesus, He turned to the Gentiles through the preacher Paul, and the grace of God has been preached ever since (II Corinthians 10:14, Acts 20:24, I Timothy 1:11, II Corinthians 4:4, Ephesians 2:1-15, Romans 1:16, Romans 10:9-10, Titus 3:5). The message we preach today is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus **“ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES.”**

Grace will be preached until the Rapture. Grace will finally complete the Bride of Christ, the true Church. Jesus is the Head of the Church (Ephesians 5:23). Every born again person since Pentecost is a member of the Church (Ephesians 5:30, I Corinthians 12:12-15). When the Church is raptured out of this earth, every believer will be caught up to meet Jesus in the air, the saints who have died will be raised incorruptible, the spirit that went to be with the Lord at the death of the believer will reunite with the glorified body, and we will all be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air!

One day the Dispensation of Grace will close. When the Church is complete there will be the end of the preaching of “salvation by grace through faith in the shed Blood of Jesus - plus nothing!”

2. THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL

The “**everlasting Gospel**” is mentioned in Revelation 14:6. It will be preached at the very close of the Great Tribulation period . . . the closing days of the seven years of the reign of the Antichrist.

The message of the “**everlasting Gospel**” is judgment; but even the message of judgment will be good news to earth’s dwellers at that time. They will have gone through almost seven years of hell on earth - especially the last three-and-a-half years of the reign of the Antichrist. To the nations who have rejected Antichrist and refused to receive his mark, and the people of Israel (those who have not been butchered or beheaded), the message of swift judgment and holy fury against the Antichrist and his armies will be good news indeed. The announcement of the everlasting Gospel will be to those who have been saved during the Tribulation period (Revelation 7:9-17, Luke 21:28, Psalm 96:11-13, Isaiah 35:4-10).

In Matthew 24:22 we read, “**And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect’s (Israel’s) sake, those days shall be shortened.**”

In my heart, I believe the message of the everlasting Gospel is the message to Israel, that final judgment is about to be meted out to the Antichrist and his henchmen, and the days will be shortened assuring them that judgment will come upon their enemies before those enemies are allowed to annihilate the elect of God.

3. PAUL REFERS TO “MY GOSPEL”

Romans 2:16: “**In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to MY GOSPEL.**”

Paul was a preacher of the grace of God to the Gentiles, to be sure. He preached salvation by grace; he preached rewards according to faithful stewardship on the part of the believer. Everyone of us will be judged according to our faithful stewardship . . . not as to whether we are saved or lost. Believers will not stand before the judgment to determine whether or not they are saved; but they will appear to receive their just rewards (I Corinthians 3:11-15). Study that passage carefully.

“**My Gospel**” to which Paul refers is the Gospel of the grace of God in its fullest development and includes the revelation of the result of that Gospel in the out-calling of the Church, her relationships, positions, privileges and responsibilities.

Paul determined not to know anything save Jesus Christ and Him crucified. He begged the Galatians to reject the gospel which he called “**another gospel**” (and then declared it was NOT a gospel), referring to those who mixed Law and Grace . . . the legalizers.

After Paul preached the grace of God for salvation, he begged the believers to present their bodies a living sacrifice (Romans 12:1, I Corinthians 10:31), knowing that to receive a full reward we must be dedicated - soul, spirit, and body - to the Lord God.

In Galatians 1:6 and II Corinthians 11:4 Paul mentions the “**other gospel**,” but declared that it was not really a gospel. Paul cried out that anyone, even an angel, preaching any gospel other than the Gospel HE preached, should be accursed (Galatians 1:6-9; Galatians 5:12).

4. THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM

The Gospel of the Kingdom is the good news that a kingdom of righteousness will be set up right here on this earth . . . a kingdom was promised to Abraham and David, and the promise will be kept (II Samuel 7:16, Isaiah 11:1-16, Luke 1:30-33, Isaiah 9:6,7).

In Matthew 3:1 John preached, “**The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!**” His message was strictly the announcement that a kingdom was to be set up and the King was coming. He preached, “**Make His path straight!**” But the people said, “**We will not have this man to reign over us. Let His Blood be upon us and upon our children.**” They have had a blood-bath ever since, and they continue to have a blood-bath even today. They rejected the King and the message of the Kingdom . . . and God turned to a people who are not a people - namely, the Gentiles. Read carefully Romans, chapter 11. Study it.

The Jews are set aside - but only for a season. The natural branches have been cut off, the wild olive branch has been grafted in. But God has not forsaken His people, and the Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached again right here upon this earth.

After the Rapture of the Church, after the Holy Spirit is taken back to Heaven with the Church and the Gentile Bride is complete, the announcement of the Kingdom on earth will be resumed. Here in Revelation chapter 7, 144,000 missionaries out of Israel - 12,000 from each tribe - are sealed, commissioned, and ordained to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom.

In Matthew 24:14 we read: “**And this Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.**” Many have used this verse of Scripture to suggest that Jesus cannot come until the Gospel has been preached to every nation. This is certainly wrongly dividing the Word, because today we are not preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom. WE are preaching the Gospel of the grace of God.

This is the Age of Grace, not the age of the preaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom. This is not the day of the King. This is the day of the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

There is no doubt in my mind that the 144,000 will have the same gifts received by the 120 on the day of Pentecost. I believe the 144,000 missionaries out of Israel will have the gift of tongues and will speak in every language and dialect on the face of the earth. There are thousands of dialects and languages that have not been reduced to writing, but these missionaries, sealed of God and sent by God, will announce the coming Kingdom to every tribe and every kindred on the face of the earth who have never heard the Gospel of the grace of God. Those who hear the message and receive it will make up the number in Revelation 7:9 and following . . . the great multitude that no man can number.

Those who refuse to believe the message of the 144,000 and who follow the Antichrist instead, will receive the mark of the Beast and will be damned (II Thessalonians 2:1-12). The unpardonable sin after the Rapture will be the mark of the Beast. (Today the unpardonable sin is blasphemy against the Holy Ghost.) The preaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom will continue throughout the seven-year period . . . the reign of the Antichrist.

At the close of the Tribulation, the battle of Armageddon will be fought. After the battle of Armageddon the glorious Kingdom will be ushered in, Jesus will sit on the throne in Jerusalem in the temple, and will reign for one thousand years. We, the born again, will reign with Him (Revelation 20:1-6).

The 144,000 sealed missionaries out of Israel are special messengers of God to fulfill a mission during a specific time. They are especially called, commissioned, ordained, sent and sealed. They will be delivered from the devil and from the enemies of God. They will be protected. The devil cannot destroy them.

Chapter 7 of Revelation is parenthetical. In this chapter we look away from the breaking of the seven seals, in order that the Spirit might enlighten us concerning the sealing of a chosen group of evangelists to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom to the teeming millions who never heard the Gospel of the grace of God. After the Rapture, these 144,000 will do what the Church should have done during this Dispensation of Grace. God has never been without a witness on the earth, and He never Will be.

During the days of Elijah, God reserved 7,000 who did not bow their knee to Baal nor to Ahab (I Kings 19:18), God reserved Daniel and the three Hebrew children in the days of Nebuchadnezzar. God has always had His faithful witness, and He always will, even during the Bloody reign of the Antichrist.

There will be **“a remnant according to the election of grace”** (Romans 11:4-6). The 144,000 sealed ones out of Israel will be God’s remnant of true ministers who will refuse to bow their knees to Antichrist.

During the Dispensation of the grace of God:

- every born again person is sealed by the Holy Ghost (Ephesians 4:30).
- Every born again person is baptized into the body of Christ by the Holy Ghost (I Corinthians 12:12-15).
- Every born again believer possesses the Holy Ghost and is led by the Holy Ghost (Romans 8:9, 14, 16).

But when the Church is Raptured, the Holy Ghost will go out with the Church.

The 144,000 will not be sealed with the Holy Ghost as we are, but they will have a seal in their foreheads:

“And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect (Israel) from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other” (Matthew 24:31). The seal will be in their foreheads (Revelation 9:4, Revelation 14:1). They will be known by all and sundry with whom they come in contact, for the mark of God will be upon them, visible in their foreheads. All hell can not stop them nor destroy them.

The devil will counterfeit God’s seal, and he will seal his followers also. He will cause all of his followers to receive a mark in their foreheads or in their hands; and if they refuse to receive this mark they will be killed.

We will study the mark of the Beast when we reach chapter 13; but remember, everything God has that is good, the devil has a cheap counterfeit for it.

The 144,000 will be out of the tribes of the children of Israel. There will not be one Gentile in the group - not one! There are groups on earth today who claim to be the 144,000, but they are not. The Bible is clear on that subject. Some of these cults will be forced to revise their figures, because they have overshot the 144,000 number. Where the lost ten tribes are I do not know - nor does any other man on the face of the earth know. Their identity is lost. But God knows where they are, scattered among the nations today. When God is ready for them, He can find them. We need not worry about the lost ten tribes. We need to be concerned about lost sinners, and go after them with the Gospel of the marvelous grace of God.

Verse 2 tells us that the angel making the announcement concerning the 144,000 appears out of the east.

This angel cries out, **“Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of God in their foreheads!”** Note: “. . . till WE have sealed . . .” The angel from the east seems to be the leader of a band of angels who will seal the 144,000. The angel appears out of the sunrise - **“Unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise, with healing in His wings”** (Malachi 4:2).

If you will notice, the listing of the names of the 12 tribes here in Revelation 7 is different from the original listing in Genesis 35 and Genesis 46. The names in Genesis are thus: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Gad, Asher, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Naphtali.

In Deuteronomy 29:18-21 we read that the man, woman, family or tribe who should introduce idolatry into Israel should have their names “**blotted out**” from under Heaven, and that they would be separated out of the tribes of Israel. The tribes of Dan and Ephraim allowed Jeroboam to set up golden calves to be worshipped. One of these was set up in the tribe of Dan and the other at Bethel (I Kings 12:25-30). So the name of Dan is left out of the list of the twelve tribes in Revelation 7.

The mentioning of the sealing of the 144,000 in chapter 7 does not mean that they were sealed between the sixth and seventh seals. There is no date or time mentioned. When they were sealed, we do not know. They were probably sealed immediately after the Rapture. The Scripture does not enlighten us here; therefore, it is not for us to know the date or the exact time.

These sealed ones will no doubt preach throughout the years of Daniel’s 70th week of prophecy, the Tribulation period (approximately 7 years). Even in the midst of Satan’s kingdom, where all hell is loose on earth, the power of the Gospel will reach millions; yea, a great company that no man can number (Revelation 7:9).

Verse 1 tells us that four angels stand on the four corners of the earth. This has confused some, but there is no need for confusion. This does not mean that the earth is square, as some have suggested. The expression “**the four corners**” simply refers to the four points of direction - east, west, north and south. The Bible refers to “**the east wind**,” etc.

The angels were holding the four winds, that they should not blow. This seems to suggest that the winds were angry and desired to blow and destroy. But the mighty angels held them, forbidding them to blow.

Verse 2: John sees another angel ascend from the East. This angel has the seal of God. The angel cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea.

Verse 3: The angel said to the four angels - “**Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.**”

It seems that some power, or force, of the enemy tries to hinder the sealing of these servants. But judgment is stayed until they are sealed.

In verse 4 the sealing begins. There were sealed 12,000 out of each of the twelve tribes - 144,000 in all.

Verses 5-8 name each of the twelve tribes of Israel, and declare that 12,000 will be sealed out of each tribe.

There are those who spiritualize this number and the sealing of the 12,000 from each tribe; but it is absolutely impossible to understand the Word of God unless we obey I Corinthians 10:32: “**Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God.**” It is impossible to understand the Scripture and to rightly divide the Word of Truth without recognizing three groups:

1. Jews.
2. Gentiles.
3. The Church of God.

We must give them their place in God's program if we understand the Word. To spiritualize Israel is to wreck the Bible. God has not forgotten His people, neither will He cast them away forever (Romans 11). The most glorious days for Israel are yet to come. Every promise God made to Father Abraham will be literally fulfilled.

GENTILES WHO ARE SAVED DURING THE GREAT TRIBULATION

Revelation 7:9-17:

9. **After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man Could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, Stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;**
10. **And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.**
11. **And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,**
12. **Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.**
13. **And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?**
14. **And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.**
15. **Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.**
16. **They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.**
17. **For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.**

In verse 9 we read, "**After this I beheld . . .**" and we learn what John beheld:

1. A multitude which no man could number . . .

2. Of all nations, kindreds, peoples, tongues (this number takes in every tribe on earth, even in the wilds of the most remote jungle). God set before the church at Philadelphia an open door (Revelation 3:8). The Church has failed to evangelize the world through the preaching of the Gospel of Grace. The Church has had the greatest opportunity of any people who ever existed, to preach the Gospel by the means of printed page, radio, television, modern travel, and many other ways. But the Church has not evangelized the world, nor has it announced the good news to the world. Therefore, God seals 144,000 after the Rapture, to fulfill Matthew 24:14.

3. This multitude which no man could number stood before the throne clothed with white robes, and each one had a palm in his hand.

In verse 10 the multitude is praising God with a loud voice, saying, **“Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb!”** In verse 11 the elders fall down and worship God and the Lamb. The beasts do likewise. Please notice here that all praise, honor, worship and adoration is directed to the Lamb **“because He is worthy.”**

In verse 12 we hear these rejoicing ones shouting, **“Amen! Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever! Amen!”**

Not a member of that redeemed host is silent. Their struggles and trials are over. It is only fitting that this countless multitude of redeemed should break out in one loud and united cry of praise to God and to the Lamb. I feel sorry for dear people who cannot endure a little noise in religion. I am not a fanatic and I do not believe in foolishness; but I believe if we love God we should praise Him.

In verse 13 one of the elders asked a question: **“Who ARE these in white robes? Whence came they?”** Who is this tremendous multitude? Where did they come from? How did they get here?

In verse 14 John said, **“Thou knowest.”** Then the elder said, **“These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.”**

These are those who have been saved during the Great Tribulation . . . the reign of the Antichrist. They are the saved ones out of every nation, tongue, tribe, and kindred on the face of the earth. They will be saved through the preaching of the 144,000 - but they will be saved by **“the Blood.”** They shall wash their robes white in the Blood of the Lamb. the Blood started flowing in Genesis 3:21 and has flowed down through the ages to this day. Without the shedding of blood is no remission. The preacher who leaves the Blood out of his message is the devil’s best friend.

In verse 15 we read, **“Therefore (because they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood) are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple: and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.”**

This verse clearly shows us that this company is not the Bride - the Church. The Bride will reign with Jesus here on earth. This multitude is said to serve Him day and night. Jesus said, **“Henceforth I call you not servants (referring to His disciples), but I have called you friends”** (John 15:15).

In verse 16 we learn that this group will not hunger or thirst any more, neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. This verse definitely identifies the multitude as Tribulation saints. During the reign of the Antichrist no one can buy or sell without having upon himself the mark of the Beast.

Those who refuse to receive the mark cannot buy or sell; those who receive it cannot be saved. Therefore, these saved people, having refused to receive the mark of the Beast, will be forced to hide out under the heat of the sun by day and the stars by night. Many times they will be hungry - destitute for food.

They cannot buy food . . . they will be forced to beg or steal. Therefore, **“they shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more,”** because God Almighty will take care of them from that moment forward. They will endure terrible tribulation, but it will be worth it all when they see the face of Jesus.

Verse 17 is tremendous. God Himself will feed them, God will lead them - and God Himself will wipe all tears from their eyes!

In Revelation 22:1-7 we find the pure river of the water of life, proceeding out of the throne of God, and in the midst of the street and on either side of the street there is the tree of life. The tree of life bears twelve kinds of fruit and yields a harvest every month. There will be plenty of fruit for everyone, and certainly there will be eating among God’s creatures in eternity.

In Revelation 22 we learn further that the leaves of the tree of life will be for the healing of the nations.

Read Acts 15:13-18, Revelation 21:23-27. And remember:

“Give none offence to the Jews, Gentiles, nor to the Church of God.” There will be new heavens, new earth, and the Pearly white City. Yes, chapter 7 is most refreshing. We see the multitude that no man can number - redeemed, washed in the Blood, standing before God with palms in their hands.

Thank God for the Lamb! Even in the midst of great tribulation God still loves, saves, and delivers. He is not willing that any perish - and that takes in YOU. Are you saved? If you are not, God does not want you to die in your sin and wake up in hell. He will forgive you and write your name in the Lamb’s book of life, if you will only **“believe on the Lord Jesus Christ . . . and thou shalt be saved”** (Acts 16:31).

In closing chapter seven, let me say that the words **“God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes”** are unequalled in their depth and tenderness. Please notice: It is not the compassionate Lamb who shed His Blood who wipes the tears from their eyes - but God the Father who gave the Lamb . . . God, against whom they (and we) have sinned. All sin is against God; but God will tenderly wipe every tear from their eyes and they will never weep again. They will enjoy **“everlasting consolation”** and they will enjoy peace uninterrupted.

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